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TOWN OFFICERS.

OFFICERS BIENNIALY ELECTED.

REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT,
HENRY C. CLEMENT.

MODERATOR,
MOSES B. DOW.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST,
JAMES M. DAVIS, GEORGE L. BAKER, JOHN S. YORK.

TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED ANNUALLY.

SELECTMEN,
CHARLES W. CASS, BENJAMIN G. FLANDERS,
JAMES N. GEORGE.

TOWN TREASURER,
HARRY R. SEAVER.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,
SIDNEY G. WATKINS.

TOWN CLERK,
JAMES M. DAVIS.

CONSTABLE,
CHARLES E. CROCKETT.

ROAD AGENTS,
JAMES E. PEASLEE, ISAAC HALL, JOAB PEASLEE.

SCHOOL BOARD,
GEORGE W. DOBBINS, A. DEF. PALMER,
JOHN P. SANBORN.

TOWN HALL.

DEDICATED NOVEMBER 14, 1895.

Presented to the town :

Clock by A. G. Pollard of Lowell.

Memorial window by Mrs. A. W. Eaton of Plaistow.

Reading room furnished by Mrs. A. C. Titcomb of Newburyport.

Gravel for filling around the Town Hall by John N. Sleeper.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Charles W. Cass, Benjamin G. Flanders, James N. George, Henry
C. Clement, George F. Emery, Edson E. Peaslee.

VALUATION.

Valuation of the town April 1, 1895	.	.	.	\$327,164 00
244 polls	.	.	.	24,400 00
172 horses	.	.	.	9,606 00
4 oxen	.	.	.	190 00
198 cows	.	.	.	4,454 00
19 hogs	.	.	.	144 00
13 carriages	.	.	.	784 00
Stock in trade	.	.	.	16,220 00
Mills	.	.	.	3,500 00
Bank stock	.	.	.	200 00
Money at interest	.	.	.	1,950 00
Land and buildings	.	.	.	265,716 00
			<hr/>	\$327,164 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.	To cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1895,	\$235 68
"	received from Town Clerk, dog licenses 1894,	2 60
"	" Town Clerk, dog licenses 1895,	170 98
"	" janitor Town Hall,	74 50
"	" J. Kelleher estate,	530 83
"	" J. Kelleher, bondsman,	29 17
"	" Antoine Pen- ette, tax 1894	8 47
"	" State, bounty on hawks,	1 00
"	" State, Savings bank tax,	93 56
"	" State, railroad tax,	143 70
"	" State, literary fund,	142 80
"	" William H. Hills, $\frac{1}{2}$ fines in liquor cases,	100 00
"	" John H. Noyes fines in li- quor cases,	160 00

DR.	To cash received from County, fines in liquor cases,	\$91 33	
	" " County, aid for dependent soldiers and families,	298 75	
	" " County, on account of paupers,	110 37	
	" " S. G. Watkins, collector, 1893,	57 49	
	" " S. G. Watkins, collector, 1894,	152 18	
	" " S. G. Watkins, collector, 1895,	4,368 60	
	" " town notes,	14,500 00	
	" " town bonds,	8,000 00	
			\$29,272 01

DISBURSEMENTS.

CR.	By paying Selectmen's orders,	\$21,932 76	
	" J. N. Sleeper, note and in- terest,	3,056 39	
	" L. E. Sleeper, note and in- terest,	1,001 98	
	" Eva J. Dolliver, note and interest,	1,018 59	
	" Haverhill National Bank, notes and interest,	2,056 33	
	" interest on town notes,	181 67	
	Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1896,	24 29	
			\$29,272 01

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1893.

DR.	To uncollected taxes,	\$72 85
CR.	By abatements,	\$15 36
	“ amount paid treasurer,	57 49
		<hr/> \$72 85

1894.

DR.	To uncollected taxes,	\$244 24
CR.	By abatements,	\$51 82
	“ amount paid treasurer,	152 18
	“ uncollected taxes,	40 24
		<hr/> \$244 24

1895.

DR.	To amount submitted for collection,	\$4,842 08
	“ of state tax,	\$690 00
	“ county tax,	728 90
	“ town tax,	1,400 00
	“ school tax,	1,052 00
	“ schoolhouse tax No. 4	75 00
	“ highway tax	817 81
	“ overlaid	78 37
CR.	By abatements,	33 74
	“ amount paid treasurer,	4,368 60
	“ uncollected taxes,	439 74
		<hr/> 4,842 08

SIDNEY G. WATKINS, Collector.

LIST OF ABATEMENTS.

1893.

Louis Bergeron, error	.	.	.	.	\$2 94	
Eugene Penette, left town	.	.	.	.	2 07	
Joel Goin,	"	.	.	.	1 38	
John H. Kelley,	"	.	.	.	3 45	
Albert Montoin,	"	.	.	.	1 38	
Joseph Peltier,	"	.	.	.	1 38	
West T. Stevens,	"	.	.	.	1 38	
Samuel Thompson,	"	.	.	.	1 38	\$15 36

1894.

Joseph Barry, left town	.	.	.	.	\$1 64	
Frank Berlanger,	"	.	.	.	1 64	
Patrick Bouchard,	"	.	.	.	1 64	
Mrs. Orin Carleton, poor	.	.	.	.	4 92	
A. Cunningham, left town	.	.	.	.	1 64	
A. Chapdelaine,	"	.	.	.	1 64	
W. O. Dunham,	"	.	.	.	4 92	
James Downing,	"	.	.	.	1 64	
Daniel R. Kelly,	"	.	.	.	1 64	
Daniel Kellehan,	"	.	.	.	1 64	
J. F. Managan,	"	.	.	.	1 64	
Albert Montoin,	"	.	.	.	1 64	
James Mebath,	"	.	.	.	1 64	
Walter H. Peaslee,	"	.	.	.	1 64	
Charles H. Pollard,	"	.	.	.	1 64	
Alfrid Potvin,	"	.	.	.	1 64	
Charles C. Plummer,	"	.	.	.	1 64	
Chellis Ray,	"	.	.	.	3 77	
Helare Recine,	"	.	.	.	1 64	
Eugene Sweeney,	"	.	.	.	1 64	
West T. Stevens,	"	.	.	.	1 64	
Wm. J. Starr,	"	.	.	.	2 13	
Sam Thompson,	"	.	.	.	1 64	
Mitchell Verneau, 2d	"	.	.	.	1 64	
Felix Valencour,	"	.	.	.	1 64	
John A. Wood,	"	.	.	.	1 64	\$51 82

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1895.

Wells C. Smith,	left town	.	.	\$1 48
Joseph Stark,	"	.	.	1 48
A. Watson,	"	.	.	1 48
George Davis,	over taxed	.	.	74
M. J. Bartlett estate,	over taxed	.	.	8 78
Richard Butell,	left town	.	.	1 48
Gilbert Brulette,	poor	.	.	1 92
Joe Bridges,	left town	.	.	1 48
E. Hodgson,	"	.	.	1 48
Frank E. Jackson,	"	.	.	1 48
Geo. H. Knight,	sailor	.	.	1 48
George Kelley,	left town	.	.	1 48
Wm. Kelley,	"	.	.	1 48
Mary B. Ricker,	overtaxed	.	.	7 40

 \$33 64,

SNOW PATHS.

Paid Frank N. Gile,	.	.	.	.	\$10 60
B. G. Flanders,	.	.	.	.	2 00
William Judson,	.	.	.	.	1 50
H. W. Flanders,	.	.	.	.	60
Marlon Johnson,	.	.	.	.	30
G. Lovejoy,	.	.	.	.	3 00
Isaac Hall,	.	.	.	.	7 90
H. H. Cheney,	.	.	.	.	3 83
J. E. Hardy,	.	.	.	.	3 30
John Luchia,	.	.	.	.	45
James Wentworth,	.	.	.	.	45
Frenchman,	.	.	.	.	60
J. Shed,	.	.	.	.	45
——— Martin,	.	.	.	.	45
——— Fecteau	.	.	.	.	50
M. Verneau,	.	.	.	.	3 30
F. Hardy,	.	.	.	.	45
James E. Peaslee,	.	.	.	.	9 20
S. N. Cummings,	.	.	.	.	4 35
George E. Ricker,	.	.	.	.	3 75
H. Gilbert,	.	.	.	.	12 30

Paid J. W. Huntress,	\$6 82	
Dean R. Harriman,	3 60	
Ira G. Harriman,	2 70	
G. S. Towle,	6 45	
R. W. Harriman,	3 30	
James L. Wentworth,	60	
	<hr/>	\$92 75

BOUNTY ON HAWKS.

Frank A. Kelly	\$ 50	
N. E. Simonds	25	
Peter Fecteau	25	
	<hr/>	\$1 00

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Paid account of Gilbert Brulette	\$41 49	
“ Zoel Martell	38 00	
“ Mary Buchard	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$91 49

SCHOOLS.

Amount appropriated	\$1,052 00	
Literary fund	142 80	
Dog licenses, 1894	166 00	
Balance in treasury, 1895	35	
	<hr/>	\$1,361 15
Amount paid School Board		1,361 15

PUBLIC TAXES.

Paid State tax	\$690 00	
“ County tax	728 90	
	<hr/>	\$1,418 90

AID TO DEPENDENT SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES.

Paid for E. G. Tucker and family . . .	\$189 65	
“ David Langmaid	130 00	
	<hr/>	\$319 65

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid People's Furnishing Co., chairs . . .	\$4 80
Hanscom Brothers, glass and putty . . .	1 85
G. F. King & Merrill	17 73
J. L. Beers & Co.	36 00
William Ware & Co.	3 60
H. P. Holden	7 75
E. W. Babb & Co.	35 37
Maynard, Merrill & Co.	6 77
Oliver Ditson Co.	1 80
Edson E. Peaslee, lumber and wood . . .	15 30
The Werner Co.	54 92
C. E. Crockett	9 00
"	14 56
Damus Gosselin, brooms and rents . . .	1 70
A. DeF. Palmer, express	6 55
Silver, Burdett & Co.	5 32
Goodwill Council, rent	20 00
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	\$243 02

BUILDING SHED FOR SCHOOL NO. 4.

Paid John Badger, labor	\$3 60
George W. Cheney, labor	13 75
B. G. Flanders, "	10 00
Gage Day, "	11 00
John D. Kelley, "	10 00
C. E. Crockett, "	1 00
Edson E. Peaslee, lumber	48 53
H. A. Hardy, 2 windows	1 00
J. H. Sayward, lead, oil and nails. . .	10 50
T. Fecteau, brick	10 00
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	\$119 38

TOWN HALL.

Paid N. S. Cole, carpenter work	\$6,249 09
W. C. Bennett, heating and plumbing . .	660 78
Wescott & Shannon, mason work . . .	4,147 11

Paid J. P. Blake & Son, plastering . . .	\$485 00
J. A. Shiney, painting . . .	477 65
Harwood Mfg. Co., seats . . .	510 70
Walworth " gas machine . . .	585 00
Peter Holdensen, decorating . . .	175 00
W. A. Morton, tinting . . .	150 00
McKenny & Waterbury, lighting . . .	281 11
M. D. Jones, weather vane . . .	40 00
G. Gates, labor . . .	1 80
E. Castle, team . . .	7 00
William Judson, labor . . .	13 75
George Allen, labor . . .	16 25
M. Johnson, labor . . .	8 25
J. D. Kelley, labor . . .	15 00
B. G. Flanders, labor, team . . .	24 50
" " . . .	8 50
John W. Huntress, labor . . .	38 25
L. Peaslee, pump . . .	1 00
B. G. Flanders, labor . . .	4 00
Wallace Keezer, pails and rope . . .	82
A. K. Warner, labor . . .	4 00
H. Gilbert, grading . . .	315 00
Edward Castle, labor, team . . .	21 00
T. Fecteau, 7,000 brick . . .	29 75
B. G. Flanders, labor . . .	26 25
J. P. Titcomb, labor . . .	12 28
William Judson, labor . . .	10 50
L. B. Smith, labor . . .	6 75
Charles Would, labor . . .	12 00
H. W. Flanders, labor . . .	10 50
J. Devrex . . .	11 00
H. W. Flanders . . .	6 00
I. E. Tuttle . . .	1 95
Eben Bowley . . .	75
Boston & Maine railroad, freight . . .	42 16
I. E. Tuttle, labor . . .	4 35
H. C. Clemment, postage, express, etc. . .	5 00
William Judson, labor . . .	15 00

Paid American Express Company	\$8 15
B. G. Flanders, labor	6 00
H. C. Clemment, labor	12 00
For glass	1 65
one duster	1 00
two mattresses	4 75
washing floors	4 80
keys	1 10
Osborn Express	1 30
W. G. Kelley, labor	12 00
J. H. Sayward, hardware	35 89
Brooks Bros., blankets and cloth	12 08
James Busfield, labor	1 28
C. E. Crockett, labor	3 75
D. D. Chase & Co., cement	7 55
H. C. Clemment, table	17 00
A. G. Pollard, cotton cloth	25 07
Helen C. Tozier, labor	1 50
Frank E. Tucker, curtains	39 42
Edson E. Peaslee, 488 feet boards, tables	12 20
" work on same	8 00
B. G. Flanders, labor	5 50
H. Gilbert, labor, team and 3 men	11 50
Perkins & Bancroft	607 92
John N. Sleeper, for land	105 00
Milton Chase, "	250 00
A. K. Warner, labor	17 37
Osborn express	2 10
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	\$15,665 38

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Mitchell & Hoyt, printing town reports	\$38 00
George Gates, wood for hall	2 00
E. C. Eastman, invoice book	10 00
A. K. Warner, labor	6 00
E. C. Eastman, books, blanks and dog licenses	9 91

Paid O. B. Williams, labor; team . . .	\$2 00
B. G. Flanders, moving shed, safe and other town property . . .	10 00
H. R. Seaver, on account of suction hose	50 00
Dr. F. W. McLoughlin, returning births and deaths . . .	7 75
William Morrill, 4 deeds Ferry lot . .	2 80
G. Tyler & Co., road machine casting .	9 50
James M. Davis, insurance town hall .	80 00
Wallace Keezer, pails, brooms, etc. . .	2 27
Mitchell & Hoyt, printing . . .	2 42
Haverhill Gazette Co., printing . . .	2 00
G. F. Emery, repairs road machine . .	3 75
Carter, Ayer & Co., carting safe . . .	14 00
H. M. George, storing town property .	4 50
E. Castle, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood . . .	2 00
S. N. Cummings, housing road machine	3 00
Chase Bros., printing bonds . . .	15 00
Eastman, Young & O'Neil, advice . .	7 00
John Badger, enforcing dog law . . .	10 00
“ tending signal lights . . .	6 00
“ services as police June 5 . . .	1 50
Moses B. Dow, watering place . . .	3 00
“ 9 ft. wood . . .	4 00
C. W. Cass, nails and spikes . . .	10 17
J. W. Elliott, fire extinguishers . . .	43 50
C. W. Cass, coal . . .	105 07
S. G. Watkins, tax of Antoine Pennett .	8 47
Hanscom Bros., drain pipe, nails, etc. .	16 22
Sidney G. Watkins, 1000 tax bills . .	2 00
B. G. Flanders, carfare to Concord to settle State tax . . .	3 70
carfare and expenses to Exeter to settle with county . . .	1 24
running town line between Atkinson and Plaistow . . .	2 50
carfare and expenses to Low- ell . . .	1 84

B. G. Flanders, carfare and expenses to Haverhill	1 12
Mrs. A. C. Clemment, water place	3 00
Boston & Maine, freight	1 75
B. G. Flanders, janitor town hall, 14 weeks at \$5.00 per week	70 00
James M. Davis, check list	1 27
“ express	30
“ postage and stationery	86
“ returning 3 marriages	75
“ “ 15 births	3 75
“ “ 3 deaths	75
C. H. Haseltine, labor in North Parish cemetery	10 00

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid H. H. Cheney, auditor	\$3 00
Moses B. Dow, moderator	3 00
Henry C. Clemment, services as secre- tary of building committee	60 00
A. De F. Palmer, services as secretary and treasurer school board	35 00
John P. Sanborn, services on school board	20 00
George W. Dobbins, services on school board	10 00
Harry R. Seaver, town treasurer	20 00
James M. Davis, town clerk	25 00
Sidney G. Watkins, truant officer	10 00
“ collector	93 28
Charles W. Cass, services on building committee	20 00
Charles W. Cass, selectman	10 00
Benjamin G. Flanders, selectman and overseer of the poor	100 00
James M. Davis, services as supervisor	5 00

 \$434 28

POLICE REPORT.

To the citizens of the town of Plaistow I submit the following report relative to the work of the Police Officers for the year ending February 14, 1896 :

There have been 41 arrests made for offenses as follows :

Drunkenness, 5 ; cutting shade trees, 1 ; fornication, 2 ; obstructing officer, 1 ; disorderly house, 4 ; selling liquor, 18 ; selling beer, 10.

The following disposition was made of these cases :

By William H. Hills, Justice.

Liquor, 3 fines, \$150.00 ; 9 committed to jail.

Beer, 5 fines, \$50.00 ; 3 committed to jail.

Disorderly house, 4 committed to jail.

Cutting shade trees, 1 committed to jail.

Drunkenness, 5 fines, \$15.00.

Obstructing officer, 1 held for Grand Jury.

Liquor, 1 held for Grand Jury.

Selling liquor, 1 discharged.

By John H. Noyes, Justice.

Liquor, 2 fines, \$100.00.

Beer, 2 fines, \$20.00.

Fornication, 2 fines, \$40.00.

Settled with the County : Liquor, 2 fines, \$100.00.

Total of fines paid, \$475.00.

Through the hearty co-operation of the County Solicitor, indictments were found in every case given to the Grand Jury.

The fact that upon trial 21 of the above plead guilty and only one was discharged, is, we think, sufficient to show that none were arrested without good cause:

SIDNEY G. WATKINS, Superintendent of Police.

POLICE ACCOUNT.

Paid Horace L. George, 2 days' time . . .	\$4 00
" " 3 nights' time . . .	6 00
" " 10 raids . . .	10 00
George W. Dobbins, 2 days' time . . .	4 00
" " 10 nights' time . . .	20 00
" " 16 raids . . .	16 00
John H. Noyes, 2 days' time . . .	4 00
" " 9 nights' time . . .	18 00
" " 14 raids . . .	14 00
" " 28 warrants, justice . . .	10 00
Charles E. Crockett, 3 days' time . . .	6 00
" " 4 nights' time . . .	8 00
" " 10 raids . . .	10 00
John Badger, St. James and Elm house . . .	1 00
" " " raid . . .	1 00
" " " and Elm raid . . .	1 00
" " " raid . . .	1 00
" " " Elm and Brandy . . .	
Brow	1 00
John Badger, Elm house	1 00
" " " 	1 00
" " Brandy Brow	1 00
Sidney G. Watkins, John E. Hayes' case :	
Arrest and travel	1 72
Attendance	2 00
Custody and conveyance to jail	3 00
Copying two mittimus	1 00
Sidney G. Watkins, 14 raids	14 00
J. P. Wade, obtaining evidence on Twitchell house, 4 days' time	25 00
B. F. Wakefield, deputy sheriff on ac- count of Orin W. Twitchell	6 10
Sidney G. Watkins, time and expense to Haverhill and Kingston liquor cases	3 00
Four fares to Portsmouth and return	5 00
Time and expense finding Davis	2 00

Paid Sidney G. Watkins :

Costs in Lorenzo Ordway case	\$4 50
1 day and expenses to Boston	3 00
1 night on back road	2 00
1 day " "	2 50
1 night " "	2 00
1 day " "	2 50
1 " " "	2 50
1 pair twisters	1 00
1 night at Twitchell	3 00
1 " "	3 00
1 " "	3 00
1 " "	3 00
1 " "	3 00
1 day on back road	2 50
1 day and expenses to Boston	3 50
For evidence in cases of Morse and	
Savary	26 00
Costs in Savary case	8 77
Boarding witness in above case	2 00
Brannon case	5 04
Two men to visit Elm House	3 25
1 night on back road	1 00
1 day " "	2 00
1 " " "	2 00
2 fares to Haverhill	28
1 night watching cottage	2 00
1 " " "	2 00
For police notices	1 10
Sarah Martin case	4 77
William H. Davis, witness	2 00
G.W.Dobbins, carrying Davis to Haverhill	1 00
Two fares to Portsmouth and return	2 48
Time and expense summons to court of	
Wood, Scruton, Fairbrother and	
Morse	2 59
1 day at Portsmouth	4 24

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William H. Hills, justice cases.

Fees in George W. Kelly case . . .	\$4 00
“ Scruton and Jackson case . . .	1 50
“ Lorenzo L. Ordway case . . .	3 50
“ James Brannon case . . .	1 50
“ Morse and Stevens' case . . .	1 50
“ Jeremiah Brannon case . . .	1 50
“ Brannon and Ryan case . . .	1 50
“ Walter G. Scruton case . . .	4 51
“ “ “ . . .	4 51
“ Roy Morse, selling liquor . . .	7 17
“ “ keeping liquor . . .	7 17
“ “ “ “ . . .	7 17
“ “ selling liquor . . .	7 17
“ “ search for liquor . . .	7 17
“ Frank Hall, selling . . .	3 50
“ Fred Savary, “ . . .	7 17
“ Orin W. Twitchell . . .	3 00
“ Fairbrother and Savary . . .	1 50
“ Roy Morse, keeping . . .	7 68
“ Mamie Richardson . . .	7 17
“ Lillian Martin, keeping . . .	7 68
“ George Fairbrother, keeping . . .	7 68
“ “ disorder- ly house . . .	7 85
“ Roy Morse, disorderly house . . .	7 68
“ Damus Gosselin, keeping . . .	1 50
“ W. G. Scruton, keeping . . .	1 50
“ Lillian Martin, keeping . . .	1 50
“ Walter G. Scruton . . .	1 50
“ John E. Hayes . . .	6 68
“ “ . . .	6 68
“ Twitchell, copies . . .	2 00
“ Seizures of liquors . . .	3 00
“ Roy Morse, keeping . . .	7 51

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ROADS AND BRIDGES.

ISAAC HALL, ROAD AGENT.

Paid Isaac Hall, labor, teams, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days	.	\$11 25
“ “ “ 5 days	.	7 50
Edward Castle, labor, team, 2 days	.	7 00
Felix Fountain, “ “ 2 “	.	7 00
B. G. Flanders, “ “ 5 “	.	12 50
M. Johnson, “ “ 6 “	.	6 00
L. Smith, “ “ $4\frac{1}{2}$ “	.	4 50
C. Harris, “ “ $\frac{1}{2}$ “	.	50
G. Harris, “ man, 1 “	.	1 50
Laval, “ “ 3 “	.	4 50
J. W. Huntress, “ “ 3 “	.	4 50
H. W. Flanders, “ “ $6\frac{3}{4}$ “	.	6 75
M. Johnson, “ “ $3\frac{3}{4}$ “	.	3 75
E. Castle, “ team, 3 “	.	10 50
J. E. Hardy, “ “ $81\frac{1}{2}$ hours	.	12 22
Peter Castle, “ “ 7 days	.	10 50
“ “ “ 1 “	.	1 50
Edward Castle, “ “ 1 “	.	3 50
Hanscom Bros., drain pipe	.	4 88
Edson E. Peaslee, plank and labor	.	6 80
“ “ labor, team	.	4 25
Horace Wentworth, labor, 3 days	.	4 50
Isaac Hall, “	.	88 25
H. H. Cheney, “ 15 4-10 “	.	23 10
Arthur W. Sawyer, team, “ 5 days	.	17 50
W. L. Terry, “ “ $4\frac{1}{2}$ “	.	15 75
C. H. Haseltine, “ “ 4 “	.	6 00
George Denoncour, “ “ 5 “	.	17 50
“ “ man, 3 “	.	4 50
Arthur W. Sawyer “ “ $5\frac{1}{2}$ “	.	8 25
Octave Dupont, “ “ 9 “	.	13 50
“ “ team, 2 “	.	7 00
Nathaniel A. Wentworth, team, 2 days	.	7 00
James L. Wentworth, “ 1 day	.	2 50

JAMES E. PEASLEE, ROAD AGENT.

Paid John A. Bartlett, labor	.	.	.	\$4 20
J. E. Peaslee, 1 man 2 days	.	.	.	3 00
“ team 23	“	.	.	80 50
G. E. Ricker, “ 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ “	.	.	.	12 25
J. P. Sanborn, labor 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ “	.	.	.	8 25
B. G. Flanders, team 10 “	.	.	.	25 00
C. C. Bennett, labor 4 “	.	.	.	6 00
L. B. Smith, “ 2 “	.	.	.	3 00
N. Laval, “ 7 “	.	.	.	10 50
S. N. Cummings, team 3 “	.	.	.	7 50
James Courser, grade	.	.	.	5 00
O. B. Williams, labor Pollard bridge	.	.	.	5 00
A. Laughton, “ “ “	.	.	.	4 50
Henry Sleeper, “ “ “	.	.	.	3 00
William Judson, “ “ “	.	.	.	4 87
“ “ “ Seaver “	.	.	.	3 00
B. G. Flanders, “ “ “	.	.	.	8 00
“ “ Pollard “	.	.	.	8 00
J. E. Peaslee, “ team 8 days	.	.	.	28 00
J. P. Sanborn, “ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ days	.	.	.	7 50
S. N. Cummings, “ 1 “ team	.	.	.	2 50
B. G. Flanders, “ 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ “	.	.	.	4 00
J. E. Peaslee, “ team 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ days	.	.	.	36 75
“ “ “ 4 “	.	.	.	10 00
W. E. Peaslee, “ 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ “	.	.	.	5 25
J. P. Sanborn, “ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ “	.	.	.	3 75
Edson E. Peaslee, 12,323 ft. plank and timber	.	.	.	194 64
B. G. Flanders, team 3 days	.	.	.	7 50
“ 3 men 3 days	.	.	.	14 45
J. E. Peaslee, 1 horse team 2 days	.	.	.	5 00
“ man 3 days	.	.	.	4 50
“ 2 horse team 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days	.	.	.	8 75
“ man 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days	.	.	.	3 75
“ 2 horse team 12 days	.	.	.	42 00
“ 1 “ “ 11 “	.	.	.	27 50
John W. Huntress, labor	.	.	.	1 20

JOAB PEASLEE, ROAD AGENT.

Paid Charles E. Day, team, 2 days . . .	\$8 00
" man, 2 days . . .	3 00
" team . . .	10 00
Geo. W. Cheney, team, 1 day . . .	4 00
" team, 1 day . . .	4 00
" man, 1 day . . .	1 50
" " 2 days . . .	3 00
" team, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days . . .	12 75
R. W. Harriman, labor, $8\frac{1}{8}$ " . . .	12 50
John Badger, labor . . .	50
G. S. Towle, " 6 days . . .	22 25
W. J. Merrifield, labor, team, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days . . .	16 75
Joab Peaslee, labor, team, 9 days . . .	29 95
" " man, 5 " . . .	7 50
" Frenchmen . . .	12 00
Ira G. Harriman, 8 9-10 days . . .	13 35
A. B. Crane, 38 hours . . .	5 70

 \$166 75

DOG LICENSES FOR THE YEAR 1895.

64 male dogs for one year, \$2.00	.	.	\$128 00	
10 female dogs for one year, \$5.00	.	.	50 00	
1 female dog for 11 months	.	.	4 58	
1 male dog for 10 months	.	.	1 67	
1 " " " 8 "	.	.	1 33	
1 " " " 6 "	.	.	1 00	
			<hr/>	\$186 58
78 licenses at 20 cents each	.	.	.	15 60
Amount returned to treasurer	.	.	.	<hr/> \$170 98

JAMES M. DAVIS, Town Clerk.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT,

FEBRUARY 14, 1896.

LIABILITIES.

Due on town bonds	\$8,000 00	
town notes	9,100 00	
dog licenses, 1895	173 58	
C. W. Cass, G. A. R. money	15 00	
		<u>\$17,288 58</u>

ASSETS.

Due from S. G. Watkins, collector, 1894 . .	\$40 24	
“ “ 1895 . .	439 74	
William H. Hills, Nichols case,		
1892	25 00	
county on account of poor . .	20 90	
Cash in treasury February 14, 1896 . .	24 29	
		<u>\$550 17</u>
Balance against the town	\$16,738 41	

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. CASS,
BENJAMIN G. FLANDERS,
JAMES N. GEORGE,
SELECTMEN OF PLAISTOW.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year ending Feb. 14, 1896, and find the records properly kept and correctly balanced and the proper vouchers on file for all disbursements.

EDSON E. PEASLEE,
F. N. FLANDERS.
AUDITORS.

Plaistow, Feb. 24, 1896.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1895.

TABLE A.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of Child, (if any.)	SEX AND CONDITION.				Name of Father.
			Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child, 1st, 2nd., etc.	
Jan. 10, 1895.	Plaistow, N. H.	Allen Dudley	Male	.....	Living	Sixth	Albert M. Tozier
Feb. 25, "	"	Edward	Male	.....	"	Third	Eben E. Bowley

Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.*	Age of Mother.*
Bessie U. Perley	White	Plaistow, N. H.	Shoemaker	Merrimac, Mass.	Middleton, Mass.	35	31
Sarah B. Kelly	"	"	Farmer	Kingston, N. H.	Plaistow, N. H.	38	23

*At last birthday.

A true record. Attest: (Signed) JOSEPH S. HILLS, Town Clerk.

TABLE A. (Continued.)

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of Child, (if any.)	SEX AND CONDITION.				No. of Child, 1st, 2nd, etc.	Color.	Name of Father.
			Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.				
Jan. 22, 1895.	Plaistow, N. H.	Joseph Casemer Gedeon	Male	.....	Living		Fourth	White	Joseph Lavoie
Feb. 24, "	"	Raymond Octave	Male	.....	"		Fifteenth	"	Octave Dupont
" 24, "	"	Napoleon Louis	Male	.....	"		Eighth	"	John B. Lucier
Mar. 12, "	"	Mary Elizabeth		Female	"		First	"	Joseph H. Gilbert
" 18, "	"	Marie Olivia		Female	"		First	"	Rene Gagnon
" 23, "	"	Harold Edward	Male	.....	"		First	"	Steven T. Seaver
" 27, "	"	Esther Hayes		Female	"		Third	"	James M. Wentworth
April 11, "	"	Joseph N.	Male	.....	"		Fifth	"	Clovis Dion
" 21, "	"	Alphonse Fred	Male	.....	"		Second	"	Carmel A. Benulien
May 1, "	"	Edward	Male	.....	"		Second	"	Ovide Fecteau
June 5, "	"	Anna Marie		Female	"		First	"	Sydney Welch
" 8, "	"	Samuel Hill	Male	.....	"		Second	"	Albert Clifton
July 3, "	"	Joseph Oscar	Male	.....	"		Fifth	"	Telephore Lavoie
Aug. 24, "	"	Otto W.	Male	.....	"		First	"	John F. Buswell
" 30, "	"	Joseph Levi	Male	.....	"		Third	"	Julius B. Stark
Sept. 28, "	"	William		Female	Stillborn		First	"	Leopold Noel
Oct. 6, "	"	Mary Elen	Male	.....	Living			"	Richard Buel
" 7, "	"	Mary Elize		Female	"		Eighth	"	John McLaughlin
" 11, "	"	Dorothy Peaslee		Female	"		Second	"	Edmund Denoncourt
" 18, "	"	Mary Alice		Female	"		First	"	Joseph Blodeau
Nov. 3, "	"	Albert		Female	"		Sixth	"	William M. Cushing
Dec. 13, "	"	Mary Elizabeth	Male	.....	"		Fourth	"	Clovis Coulombe
				Female	"		Fifth	"	Alderic Desmarais
					"			"	Phidime Morel

TABLE A. (Continued.)

Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.*	Age of Mother.*
Emelie Tremblay	White	Plaistow, N. H.	Laborer	Canada	Canada	52	44
Elizabeth Denoncourt	"	"	Brick Manufacturer	St. Grigoire, Canada	St. Grigoire, Canada	43	37
Georgianna Coupal	"	"	Brickmaker	Canada	Amesbury, Mass.	21	22
Elizabeth C. Keller	"	"	Flagman	East Kingston, N. H.	Plaistow, N. H.	32	31
Marie Labuyere	"	"	Brickmaker	Les Eboulements, Canada	Les Eboulements, Canada	24	21
Viola Simonds	"	"	Shoemaker	Kingston, N. H.	Newport, Ky.	27	25
Mary L. Wentworth	"	"	Carpenter	Atkinson, N. H.	Atkinson, N. H.	36	34
Mary Mailhot	"	"	Laborer	Quebec, Canada	St. Grigoire, P. Q., Canada	21	20
Virginie Potvin	"	"	Shoemaker	Montreal, Canada	Granville, N. Y.	24	23
Margaret Reilly	"	"	Shoemaker	St. Hyacinthe, Canada	Boston, Mass.	37	29
Elen Driscoll	"	Boston, Mass.	Shoemaker	Plaistow, N. H.	Haverhill, Mass.	24	23
Mary A. Hill	"	Plaistow, N. H.	Clerk	New York City	Plaistow, N. H.	37	29
Hermeline Desbien	"	"	Shoemaker	Les Eboulements, Canada	Canada	28	24
Laura G.	"	"	Machine Operator	Candia, N. H.	Bradford, Mass.	27	22
Flora E. Wood	"	"	Manufacturer	Ulm, Germany	London, England	24	19
Emma Goin	"	"	Teamster	L'Avenir, P. Q., Canada	Plaistow, N. H.	37	31
May B. Drew	"	"	Shoemaker	Boston, Mass.	Montreal, P. Q., Canada	34	34
Adeline Champagne	"	"	Merchant Butcher	St. Urban, Canada	St. Thomas, Canada	28	34
Emelie Fontaine	"	"	Brickmaker	St. Grigoire, P. Q., Canada	Eboullements, P. Q., Canada	34	35
Adelaide Gagnon	"	"	Farmer	Eboullements, P. Q., Canada	Plaistow, N. H.	35	35
Anna J. Peaslee	"	"	Station Agent	Lebanon, N. H.	Eboullements, P. Q., Canada	25	26
Philomene Chappdelaine	"	"	Brickmaker	Eboullements, Canada	Plaistow, N. H.	40	34
Elizabeth Auclair	"	"	Shoemaker	Canada	Plaistow, N. H.		
Mary Eliza Janelle	"	"	Brickmaker	Canada	Plaistow, N. H.		

*At last birthday.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAMES M. DAVIS, Town Clerk.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1895.

TABLE B.

Date of Death.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	AGE.			Place of Birth.	SEX AND CONDITION.		Occupation.
			Yrs.	Mos.	Days.		Male.	Female.	
Feb. 2, '95	Plaistow, N. H.	Mary S. Kelly	80	1	10	Kingston, N. H.	Male	Female	Housewife
" 14	"	Simmons S. Peaslee	86	4	"	Plaistow, N. H.	Male	Female	Farmer
Mar. 1	"	Eliza Flanders	83	4	"	Fremont, N. H.	Male	Female	Housewife
" 15	"	Ralph N. Gale	4	9	3	"	Male	"	"
May 2	"	Mary A. Flagg	66	11	14	Stanstead Plains, Vt.	Female	Female	Physician
" 10	"	Mary E. Perley	63	1	"	"	Female	Female	Housewife
July 1	"	Sales M. Fontaine	36	"	"	Canada	Male	Female	Shoemaker
" 14	"	Elbridge G. Tucker	76	7	19	Plaistow, N. H.	Male	Female	"
" 18	"	Esther Hayes Wentworth	65	9	13	Hampstead, N. H.	Male	Female	Shoemaker
Aug. 1	"	Eben S. Hadley	36	7	15	Eboullements, Canada	Male	Female	Housekeeper
" 7	"	Mary Bouchard	69	9	13	Canada	Male	Female	"
" 10	"	Joseph Girard	69	9	13	Plaistow, N. H.	Male	Female	"
" 18	"	Thomas J. Nichols	69	9	13	Bradford, Mass.	Male	Female	Merchant
" 24	"	Alden B. Bartlett	69	9	13	Plaistow, N. H.	Male	Female	Shoe Cutter
Sept. 24	"	Joseph Lavoie	3	6	"	"	Male	Female	"
" 24	"	Mary W. Castle	67	11	24	"	Male	Female	Housewife
Oct. 8	"	Lydia A. Carleton	3	6	"	"	Male	Female	"
Nov. 2	"	Wilber Denoncourt	5	7	"	"	Male	Female	"
" 11	"	Marie Louise Lavoie	71	7	1	"	Male	Female	Broker
" 26	"	John N. Sleeper	71	7	1	"	Male	Female	"

TABLE B. (Continued.)

PLACE OF BIRTH.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease, or Cause of Death.	Occupation of Father.*	Name and P. O. Address of Physician (or other Person) Reporting Death.
Father.	Mother.					
Kingston, N. H. . . .	Kingston, N. H. . .	Daniel Peaslee . . .	Betsy Secomb . . .	Heart Failure . . .	..	..
Haverhill, Mass. . . .	Haverhill, Mass. . .	..	..	La Grippe . . .	..	..
Kingston, N. H. . . .	..	Benjamin George . .	Abiah Simmons . .	..	..	..
Campton, Me. . . . .	..	Perley G. Gale . . .	Mary E. Hewitt . .	Yellow Atrophy Liver .	Shoemaker .	W. A. Allen, F. Hamstead
Lancaster, N. H. . . .	Swanwick, N. H. . .	John Cookson . . .	Morton Swain . . .	Heart Disease . . .	..	F. W. McLoughlin, Plaistow
Canada	Canada	Chandler Blake . . .	Catherine Bird . . .	..	..	..
Kingston, N. H. . . .	..	..	..	Consumption . . .	..	..
Corea, Pa.	Plaistow, N. H. . .	John Tucker . . .	Abigail Cheney . . .	Neuralgia of Heart . .	..	..
Hampstead, N. H. . .	Denmark, Me. . . .	James A. Wentworth .	Mary Wentworth . .	Heart Disease . . .	Carpenter .	..
Eboullements, Can. .	Plaistow, N. H. . .	David Hadley . . .	Prudence Stevens . .	..	..	..
Eboullements, Can. .	Eboullements, Can.	Louis Baucher . . .	Aleatide Tremblay .	Consumption . . .	..	..
Haverhill, Mass. . . .	Elliott, Me.	Adelard Girard . . .	Dolene Tremblay . .	Cholera Infantum . . .	Teamster .	Town Clerk
..	Groveland, Mass. . .	George Nichols . . .	Pauline Staples . .	Overdose of Laudanum .	..	..
Eboullements, Can. .	Canada	James Bartlett . . .	Mehitable Carleton .	Fever	Shoemaker .	..
Lowell, Mass.	Ireland	Telesphore Lavoie . .	Hermeline Desbien . .	Emphysema h't disease	Teamster .	Town Clerk
Haverhill, Mass. . . .	Plaistow, N. H. . .	Edward Castle . . .	Katie McLoughlin . .	Scarlet Fever . . .	Shoemaker .	F. W. McLoughlin, Plaistow
St. Grigore, Can. . .	..	George Bond . . .	Ruth Flanders . . .	Inflammation of Bowels	..	..
Canada	St. Thomas, Can. .	Edmund Denoncourt .	Nellie Fontaine . . .	Sore Throat . . .	Brickmaker .	Town Clerk
Newburyport, Mass. .	Kingston, N. H. . .	Hercule Lavoie . . .	Mary Boucher . . .	Scarlet Fever . . .	..	F. W. McLoughlin, Plaistow
..	..	Henry Sleeper . . .	Lydia Tucker . . .	Cancer of the Bladder .	..	..

*If deceased was under fifteen years of age.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAMES M. DAVIS, Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1895.

TABLE C.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age of each in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.
Jan. 1, '95	Plaistow, N. H.	William M. Cushing Anna J. Peaslee	Plaistow	33	White	Station Agent
" 21	"	Dostine O'Quin Albina Brouillet	"	33 25	"	Housekeeper Laborer
" 29	Atkinson, N. H.	Henry J. Sleeper Mary R. Little	"	17 22	"	At Home Shoemaker
Mar. 30	Plaistow, N. H.	Ernest C. Bryant Sarah Blossom Palmer	Atkinson	18	"	At Home
Apr. 15	"	Henry LeBranch Virginia Tremblay	Middlebury, Vt.	27 21	"	Civil Engineer Teacher
May 10	"	Andrew M. Stultz Lena M. Washburn	Plaistow	23 15	"	Shoemaker Housework
July 3	"	Joseph Desmarais Amanda Scott	Plaistow	27	"	Plumber
Sept. 18	"	Hubert E. Gage Harriett Frances Clark	Brockton, Mass.	21	"	Dressmaker
Oct. 22	"	Theodore Fecteau, Jr. Odelle Vaillancourt	Haverhill, Mass.	27 21	"	Shoemaker Stitcher
" 25	"	Mary Jane Osgood Forest S. Davis	Boston, Mass.	30 31	"	Civil Engineer At Home
Nov. 20	"	Alice S. Whittaker Azade Vignault	Plaistow	34 23	"	Shoemaker Housekeeper
" 28	"	Mary Emma Denoncour	Georgetown, Mass.	53	"	Shoemaker
			Plaistow	28	"	Housekeeper
			"	23	"	Heel Burnisher
			"	34	"	Stenographer
			"	30	"	Brickmaker Housekeeper

Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition: Whether single or widowed, what marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
E. Lebanon, N. H.	Charles A. Cushing	Hingham, Mass	Police Officer	Widowed, 2d	A. De F. Palmer, Clergy-
Plaistow, N. H.	Sarah McFarland	Plaistow, N. H.	Housewife	Single, 1st	man, Plaistow, N. H.
	Daniel S. Peasee	Springfield, N. H.	Farmer		
Nova Scotia	Lydia J. Stearns	Nova Scotia	Housewife	Single, 1st	D. A. Sullivan, Roman Cath-
Canada	Dosithie O'Quin				olic Priest, Plaistow, N. H.
	August Arnault				
	Gilbert Broutlet	Canada	Shoemaker		
	Rose Marcelon		Housewife		
Plaistow, N. H.	John N. Sleeper	Plaistow, N. H.	Broker	Single, 1st	Geo. H. Scott, Clergyman,
Atkinson, N. H.	Lorinda E. Cass	Atkinson, N. H.	Housewife		Atkinson, N. H.
	John L. Little		Mason		
	Laura Clough	Haverhill, Mass	Housewife		
Manchester, N. H.	Edmund L. Bryant	Hooksett, N. H.	Grocer	Single, 1st	A. De F. Palmer, Clergy-
No. Tewksbury, Mass	Ann R. Weeks	Greenland, N. H.	Housewife		man, Plaistow, N. H.
	Albert De F. Palmer	Augusta, Me.	Clergman		
	Mary J. Spear	Boston, Mass.			
Derry, N. H.	Joseph Le Branch	Quebec, Canada	Shoemaker	Single, 1st	D. A. Sullivan, Roman Cath-
St. Marie, Canada	Salina Le Branch		Housewife		olic Priest, Plaistow, N. H.
	Benjamin Tremblay	St. Marie, Canada	Teamster		
	Marion Tremblay		Housewife		
Moncton, N. B.	Gilbert Stultz	Moncton, N. B.	Carpenter	Single, 1st	James M. Davis, Justice of
Brockton, Mass	Sarah A. Wilson	Brockton, Mass.	Shoemaker		the Peace, Plaistow, N. H.
	Henry E. Washburn				
	Ellen Easton	St. Simon, Canada	Housekeeper	Single, 2d	James M. Davis, Justice of
Biddeford, Me.	Theodore Desmarais		Butcher	1st	the Peace, Plaistow, N. H.
Prince Edward Island	Emilie Desmarais		Housekeeper		
	Noel Scott	Nova Scotia	Housekeeper		
	Elizabeth Moffin	Prince Edward Island	Railroading		
Boxford, Mass	Roscoe W. Gage	Pelham, N. H.	Store Keeper	Single, 1st	G. W. Lawrence, Clergy-
Plaistow, N. H.	Abbie R. Gage	Boxford, Mass.	At Home		man, Haverhill, Mass.
	Nathaniel H. Clark	Plaistow, N. H.	Farmer		
	Elizabeth Cogswell	Atkinson, N. H.	At Home		
St. Hyacinthe, P. Q., Can	Theodore Fecteau	St. Hyacinthe, P. Q.	Brickmaker	Widowed, 2d	D. A. Sullivan, Roman Cath-
River De Loup, P. Q.	Hermine Cloutier		Housewife	Single, 1st	olic Priest, Plaistow, N. H.
	Felix Vaillancourt	River De Loup, P. Q.	Farmer		
	Eugenie Pinet		Housewife		
Georgetown, Mass	Joseph H. Cheney	Georgetown, Mass	Shoemaker	Widowed, 2d	James M. Davis, Justice of
	Sarah Jane Kilburn	Newburyport, Mass.	Housewife		the Peace, Plaistow, N. H.
	Moses G. Colomy	Ipsfield, N. H.	Shoemaker		
	Irene Durgin	Vermont	Housewife		
	Isaac Davis	Plaistow, N. H.	Farmer	Single, 1st	A. De F. Palmer, Clergy-
Plaistow, N. H.	Lydia M. Lovering	Springfield, N. H.	Housekeeper		man, Plaistow, N. H.
	John H. Whitaker	Atkinson, N. H.	Fireman		
	Mary I. Flanders	Plaistow, N. H.	Housekeeper		
St. Grigoire, Canada	Jean Vignault		Farmer	Single, 1st	D. A. Sullivan, Roman Cath-
Plaistow, N. H.	Sophia Vassener	St. Grigoire, Canada	Housewife		olic Priest, Plaistow, N. H.
	George Denoncour	"	Brick mfr		
	Mary Newcomb	Ireland	Housewife		

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
TOWN OF PLAISTOW.

All the schools in town have been taught thirty-six weeks, except the Westville school, which lost one week through failure to secure a teacher. The table attached to this report will show the whole number of scholars and the average attendance in each school. This has been about the same as last year. The attendance in No. 2 deserves special commendation. The Westville school has been much broken up by sickness — the measles in the spring term, and scarlet fever in the fall and winter. We think that parents in this district should take more care to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. Twenty of our scholars have attended school out of town a part or the whole of the year; and a few have been out of school on account of work or sickness.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Some suitable provision ought to be made for the Primary school at the Centre at once. The families living in the southwest corner of the town, whose children now belong to school No. 1, ask for a school-house and school which shall better accommodate them. As by the last enumeration there are 68 scholars within the territory assigned to this school, and the seating capacity of the schoolhouse is only 48, this request seems to be reasonable and your School Board are of the opinion that it ought to be granted.

TEXT BOOKS.

A large portion of the text-books furnished by the town, having been in use six years, had become worn out and unfit for use. It seemed to be for the benefit of the schools, as well as good economy, to replace them with new and improved books, turning in the worn out ones in part payment. This has been done with the Readers, Spellers, and Geographies, and should be followed by a change in Grammars and Arithmetics soon. This change has somewhat increased the bill for supplies this year, but as the books are all new, they will last several years with little expense to keep up the supply. Parents should instruct their children to use their school books carefully, and will be expected to pay for unreasonable damages.

CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

All the schools have been in a prosperous condition throughout the year. The teachers employed have done faithful and efficient work and have given good satisfaction. On account of the building of the town hall, we were obliged to put the Primary school at the Centre into the school room with the Grammar school, much to the inconvenience and disadvantage of both teachers and pupils. About the middle of the second term, the use of the hall over the store was secured for the Primary department, and both departments have been able to do better work since the separation. The excellent work of the Primary school has been continued throughout the year, under the instruction of Miss Carrie L. Hills. The good discipline of the Centre school during the winter term, under Mr. W. S. Frye, is worthy of special mention. The Westville school, Miss J. E. Marrs, teacher, has made marked improvement in discipline and study. The scholars in No. 2 evidently appreciate their school privileges, as is shown by their regular attendance, good behavior and advancement. No. 4 is small, the pupils young, but the work has been satisfactory.

Our public schools are the corner-stone of the great republic, and should be kept up to a high standard. The great idea of the public school is to develop a noble manhood and womanhood; to fit our youth for citizenship and the proper discharge of the duties they owe to their business, their family, and the community. So far as our schools accomplish this, they are a success; and so far as they do not accomplish it, they are a failure. It is very important that while they

improve the intellect, they should build up character, and while they impart knowledge, they should strengthen and stimulate virtue and good moral principles. That school is best disciplined whose pupils are taught that petty meanness must be eradicated, self-control be cultivated, habits of industry be established, and authority maintained and respected. Firmness must be used to teach these lessons if kindness fails. The good of the whole must not be allowed to suffer on account of the insubordination of the few. When children are disciplined at home every time they receive punishment at school, it has a salutary effect. We ask the hearty co-operation of all our citizens with the teachers and school board in their efforts to improve the condition of our schools. The power for good or evil that can be exercised over them by the people cannot be estimated. One hour's conversation of the parents at home may undo the work of the teacher for a long time, when, by taking a firm stand in favor of the teacher, they may do much good to their own children and the whole school, without realizing it. We welcome any suggestion that will tend to benefit our schools or in any way increase their usefulness; but criticisms that are given in an unfriendly manner, to hinder the progress, to tear down the good influences, or to make matters worse in any way, are not beneficial, but pernicious in their effect. A visit to the school room and a talk with the teacher would often correct a hasty judgment that has been formed from the report of some child who has been corrected for a misdemeanor. School life is short, and in these few formative years school and study should have the first place in the thoughts of pupil and parent alike, and should occupy as large a portion of every day as is consistent with health.

The public schools have been the nurseries of our patriots, our statesmen, and our most honored and useful citizens. They are an American institution, and their downfall would be the knell of the downfall of our great republic. There is no other institution dearer to the hearts of the American people than that which secures an educated and intelligent people. Let us therefore maintain inviolate and heartily support our public schools, that our nation may ever be the home of liberty and of a free and intelligent people.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars who have been present every half day for a whole term. The numerals indicate the number of terms :

SCHOOL No. 2.

Genie Flanders, 3 ; Jessie Simonds, 3 ; Herbert Severance, 2 ; Annie Severance, 2 ; Walter Tozier, 2 ; Clyde Tozier, 2 ; George Tozier, 2 ; Mahlon Tozier, Arthur Walton, Sarah Judson, Ella Warner.

SCHOOL No. 3.

Olinda P. Williams, 2 ; Hannah Williams, 2 ; Horace Kimball, 2 ; Grace Peaslee, 1.

SCHOOL No. 5.

Jessie Williams, Harry Cushing, Cora Booth, Olive Seaver.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount received from selectmen	\$1,361 15
Books sold to Willis Seaver and B. G. Flanders	70
Oil stove sold to Baptist Sunday School	5 00
Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1895	184 28
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	\$1,551 13
Amount expended	\$1,550 39
Amount in treasury	74
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	\$1,551 13

SCHOOL NO. 1.

Spring term, paid Miss Josephene E. Marrs, for teaching 12 weeks at \$8.50	\$102.00
Fall term, paid Miss Josephene E. Marrs, for teaching 12 weeks at \$9	108 00
Winter term, paid Miss Josephene E. Marrs, for teaching 11 weeks at \$9	99 00
To J. P. Sanborn, for 2½ cords hard wood at \$5.50	12 37
“ “ repairs	2 13
To Joseph Martell, for building fires	2 75
To Mrs. Kelleher, for cleaning schoolhouse	2 00
Expenses to Boston to engage teacher	2 00
To J. H. Sayward, for hand and call bells	75
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	\$331 00

SCHOOL NO. 2.

Spring term, paid Miss Grace Sanborn for teaching 13 weeks at \$8	\$104 00
Fall term, paid Miss Marion Sanborn for teaching 12 weeks at \$8	96 00
Winter term, paid Miss Marion Sanborn for teaching 11 weeks at \$8	88 00
To B. G. Flanders, for 2 cords hard wood at \$5.50, and 2 cords pine wood at \$4.50	20 00
To Walter E. Tozier, for building fires	2 75
Paid for cleaning school house	2 00
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	\$312 75

SCHOOL NO. 3.

Spring term, paid Mrs. Annie F. Fuller for teaching 13 weeks at \$10.00	\$130 00
Fall term, paid Miss Grace Sanborn for teaching 12 weeks at \$9.00	108 00
Winter term, paid Mr. Willard S. Frye for teaching 11 weeks at \$10.00	110 00
To John M. Kimball, for $\frac{1}{2}$ cord hard wood	2 50
To H. Gilbert, for 3 cords hard wood	13 25
Paid for sawing $3\frac{1}{2}$ cords wood at 75 cents	2 63
To George W. Bodwell, for building fires and sweeping	3 30
To Mrs. Smith, for cleaning	1 50
For flag rope, 50 cents; cleaning clock, 75 cents	1 25
For sundry repairs	2 70
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	\$375 13

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Spring term, paid Miss Marion Sanborn for teaching 13 weeks at \$7.50	\$97 50
Fall term, paid Miss Fannie E. Williams for teaching 12 weeks at \$7.00	84 00
Winter term, paid Miss Fannie E. Williams for teaching 11 weeks at \$7.00	77 00
To Joab peaslee for 4 cords hard wood at \$5.00	20 00
To Bernard Cheney, for building fires, fall term	4 25

To Sammie Cheney, for building fires, winter term	\$2 75
To Mrs. Bartlett, for cleaning	2 00
For painting blackboards, 75 cents; for bell, 50 cents	1 25
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	\$288 75

SCHOOL NO. 5, PRIMARY.

Spring term, paid Miss Carrie L. Hills for teaching 13 weeks at \$6	\$78 00
Fall term, paid Miss Carrie L. Hills for teaching 12 weeks, \$6	72 00
Winter term, paid Miss Carrie L. Hills for teaching 11 weeks at \$6	66 00
To C. W. Cass, for coal	10 38
To Geo. and Joseph McLaughlin, building fires 14 weeks	3 50
For coal hod, shovel, poker and sifter	1 03
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	\$230 91

RECAPITULATION.

School No. 1	\$331 00
School No. 2	312 75
School No. 3	375 13
School No. 4	288 75
School No. 5	230 91
Paid Chase Bros. for printing posters	2 50
Haverhill House Heating Co., for oil heater and express	5 65
Mrs. E. P. Davis, for mending flags and pasting labels	1 85
For postage and stationery	1 00
For 200 cards for school census	85
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	\$1,550 39
Amount in treasury February 15, 1896	74
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	\$1,551 13

GEORGE W. DOBBINS,

A. DE F. PALMER,

JOHN P. SANBORN,

SCHOOL BOARD.

We have this day examined the accounts of the school board for the year ending February 14, 1896, and find them correctly balanced and the proper vouchers for all expenditures.

EDSON E. PEASLEE,

F. N. FLANDERS,

AUDITORS.

Plaistow, Feb. 24, 1896.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF SCHOOLS.

No. OF SCHOOLS.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Whole number of scholars in town April 1 . .	68	21	40	18	27	174
Spring term. Whole number registered . .	45	21	31	15	23	135
Average daily attendance . .	37	17.3	24	11.47	16	105.77
Percentage of daily attendance	90.33	93	82.75	85	89	88
Fall term. Whole number registered . .	64	23	36	11	27	161
Average daily attendance . .	25	16.75	30	9.09	23	103.84
Percentage of daily attendance	71	90	91	88	92	86.4
Winter term. Whole number registered . .	44	16	30	11	24	125
Average daily attendance . .	30.5	14	24	7.22	20	95.72
Percentage of daily attendance	85.2	93	85.71	68.4	87	83.89
Whole number different pupils registered for the year	66	25	39	15	29	174
Average daily attendance for the year	31	16	26	9.26	26.33	108.59
Percentage of daily attendance for the year . .	82.17	92	86.5	80.6	89.33	86.12
Average cost per scholar for the year	\$10.68	\$19.54	\$14.43	\$31.18	\$9.00	\$14.16

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